

## FEAR OF SINN FEIN MAKES LONDON ARMED CAMP

### WILSON ACCEPTS ARMENIAN JOB; COLLING DENIES GRAFT CHARGES

#### JULIUS KAHN TALKED OF AS WAR SECRETARY

Mark Sullivan Says Gossip Gives San Franciscan as Cabinet Possibility

#### GENERAL WOOD IS DECLARED UNFITTED

So Is Pershing When Discussion Is Had of Important Portfolio

By MARK SULLIVAN, National Political Correspondent of The New York Evening Post.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30.—Repeating what he said telegraphically yesterday in discussing possibilities for secretary of state, namely that all of this kind of discussion is of dubious value and little value, and is only a waste of time, Mr. Wood, in a letter to the editor of the New York Evening Post, today declared that he was not a candidate for the position of secretary of state.

The discussion and surmises on this point center chiefly about four names: General Leonard Wood, General Pershing, Congressman Julius Kahn of California, and Senator George Chamberlain of Oregon. Of these, General Wood is the most obvious, he has favor of many Republican leaders, and that rather important section of the party which supported him for the presidential nomination would be especially gratified at his selection. General Wood has in some degree the capacity that Mr. Roosevelt for inspiring an almost extravagantly loyal devotion among his followers and those who come in contact with him.

#### NATIONAL FOLLOWING

He is one of the very small number of public men who can be described as having a certain amount of national following. It is not surprising that they sometimes have been with the idea of securing the loyalty of factions in the party. General Wood's selection would be one of the surest to insure the loyalty of the party. It is true that Mr. Harding, having such a majority as he received, need not need to consider the possibility of factions in making his cabinet appointments, and also true that General Wood's friends do not need to base their claims on this factor. His qualifications for the office are obvious. But the same circumstances which qualify him, also in some degree disqualify him. He is a professional soldier in the minds of many, an objection to his choice as secretary of state. It is rather an American tradition that the army shall be under the direction of a civilian.

#### SUBTLE PROPAGANDA

In some of the gossip that has been published on this subject, the likelihood of General Wood being selected is put on the ground of a deal made by him by his leaders on his behalf at the Chicago convention with the victorious Harding forces. Considered in the light of the actual facts, this is absurd and is another example of the kind of subtle propaganda not infrequently in the current gossip about cabinet appointments, designed less to advance a man than to impair his chances. There may be some ground for the theory that General Wood, who was nominated Senator by Harding at Chicago, has reasons for being grateful to Governor Lowden or to his leaders for the switching of delegates during the close battle. But if this is true, General Lowden is the only one of the defeated candidates for the Republican presidential nomination who can be said to have in fact been a factor in getting the nomination. General Wood, as a matter of fact, was conspicuous in holding his delegates to the end.

All the Republican leaders agree that after the Harding nomination was made, General Wood went out of his way to give conspicuous support to Harding and to induce his followers to do the same. The net of all this discussion of the political aspects of General Wood's relation to the office of secretary of state is that they neither qualify nor disqualify him, and are unfair, both to Mr. Harding and the man discussed.

#### OBJECTIONS TO WOOD

The objections made to General Wood by a fastidious and intelligent leader consist chiefly of doubts as to his temperamental adaptation to the kind of teamwork that is necessary in a cabinet. General Wood's career, and all the distinctions he has earned, have been chiefly in situations where he had sole control and sole responsibility. This was true in Philippines, in Cuba, and in the various army posts where he achieved his honors. Since wonder is expressed whether this kind of one-man experience may possibly have led General Wood to be unadaptable to the kind of friendly cooperation and teamwork and to the taking into account of political and personal considerations which Republican leaders regard as essential in the new cabinet, it is noted that General Wood is believed to be in a state of feud with some of the higher officers of the army, and the existence of this factional feeling is given as an additional reason why the selection of General Wood might be inadvisable. A cabinet should be a happy family.

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#### Youngest Chief Starts Cleanup



C. C. FITZMORRIS

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30.—Charles C. Fitzmorris, former newspaper reporter, is the newly-appointed head of the Chicago police department. He is the youngest chief in the larger U. S. cities. He is 36 and his first move was to start a cleanup to rid the city of criminals.

#### CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT IS DEAD OF BURNS

Eugene W. Chaffin, Former Prohibition Standard Bearer, Victim of Accident

LONG BEACH, Cal., Nov. 30.—Eugene W. Chaffin, 68, prohibition candidate for president in 1920, died today at his home here from burns received on November 20 when his clothing caught fire while he was lighting a gas heater.

Mr. Chaffin was burned about the body. The flames were extinguished by other occupants of the apartment house. Mrs. Chaffin's wife and daughter, Mrs. Desdemona Hoffman, of Long Beach, were with him at the end. Mr. Chaffin was born November 1, 1852, at East Troy, Wis. He studied law in the University of Wisconsin and was admitted to practice in Wisconsin in 1875, continuing practice there and in Chicago for the greater part of his life.

He was a temperance advocate and lecturer from his youth and was a candidate on several occasions for local and state offices in both Wisconsin and Illinois. Shortly after he returned from Oklahoma to Chicago, he moved to Arizona for his health and came to Long Beach four years ago. He was active in councils of local temperance organizations to the last.

#### COLLINS ARRAIGNED FOR PART IN MAIL ROBBERY

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Nov. 30.—Keith Collins, arrested in Oklahoma for complicity in the Burlington mail car robbery in this city, was arraigned before United States Commissioner W. A. Byers early today, waived examination and was bound over, his bond being fixed at \$50,000. Collins still under heavy guard, was taken to jail.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 30.—Postal Inspector William M. Coble, of Omaha, announced today that Keith Collins, returned from Oklahoma to Council Bluffs last night in connection with the mail car robbery in the latter city November 18, led federal officers to a cache in Council Bluffs where \$23,000 of the loot taken from the train was recovered.

#### CENTRAL AMERICAN ROW IS REPORTED BREWING

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Reports of threatening revolution in Guatemala have been received in official circles here, it was learned today. Mutilations are said to have been suggested into the country recently. Chief opposition to the government, according to the report, is in the mountainous regions, where for months there has been talk of secession. The opposition is reported to be directed chiefly against Emilio Escamilla, minister of war, who was educated in Germany and is said to be autocratic.

#### SMALL IDAHO BANK IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

LEWISTON, Idaho, Nov. 30.—The Grangeville Savings & Trust company of Grangeville, Idaho, near here, was closed Monday and now is in the hands of the state department of commerce and industry. The deposits are \$114,000. The bank is considered insolvent but has been unable to realize on its paper, officials said.

#### PRESIDENT TO WORK FOR PEACE IN NEAR EAST

Wilson Makes It Clear He Cannot Employ U. S. Military Forces

#### INSISTS ON MORAL SUPPORT OF POWERS

Accepts Task to Mediate Between Armenian People and Their Enemies

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Wilson, in response to an invitation from the league of nations council, has agreed to use his good offices and to protect his "personal mediation" to a representative he may designate "to end the hostilities that are now being waged against the Armenian people." In accepting the league's invitation, the president, writing to President Paul Bonheur, says he makes his offer upon assurance of the moral and diplomatic support of the principal powers, and relies upon the league council to suggest to him the avenues through which his proffer should be conveyed and the parties to whom it should be addressed.

The president says he is without authorization to "order or employ the military forces of the United States in any project for the relief of Armenia," and that "any contribution would require the authorization of congress which is not now in session, and whose action I could not foresee."

#### SLAYER OF MADERO SHOTS HIMSELF AS PURSUERS CLOSE IN

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, Nov. 29.—Francisco Cardenas, former general in the Mexican army and accused of the assassination of President Francisco Madero, of Mexico, in February, 1913, inflicted fatal injuries upon himself near here today.

Cardenas, whose time ago was arrested on a charge of being an accessory in the murder of a man and woman with whom he was living, escaped from jail. Pursuit was at once organized and he was surrounded by a band of soldiers ordered to capture him. When he found his escape was cut off, he opened fire on the troops, wounding one man. He then threw his pistol upon himself, firing two bullets through his head. Cardenas confessed in 1915 of having assassinated Madero and also the statesman, vice president of Mexico, during the Madero administration.

#### FORMER EMPRESS AGAIN IN CRITICAL CONDITION

DOORN, Holland, Nov. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Former Empress Augusta Victoria, of Germany, who is critically ill as a result of a heart attack, was reported at noon today to be in a sinking condition. At that time she was unconscious.

DOORN, Holland, Nov. 29.—Augusta Victoria, the former German empress, who has been suffering from a grave heart attack, for some time, was much worse this morning. She had a high fever and was only semi-conscious.

Frederick William, the former crown prince, has again been summoned and this morning was hurrying from his residence at Wieringen to his mother's bedside here.

#### MEXICAN OIL WEALTH IS LITTLE DEVELOPED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The Mexican department of industry, commerce and labor estimates the potential oil lands in the republic at about 161,500,000 acres of which only about 5,000 acres are being developed, according to reports reaching Washington today. Prospecting concessions have been granted in Tabasco, Campeche, Chiapas, besides Vera Cruz and Tamaulipas, on the east coast; from Lower California to the bottom of Tehuantepec on the west coast; and in Chihuahua and Durango. Development work also has been begun in the northern part of Lower California.

#### LAWMAKERS WILL STUDY TROUBLES OF FARMERS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Measures for the relief of the farmers will be considered at a joint meeting Thursday of the senate agriculture committee and the house committee on agriculture today by the senate committee, which held a special session to consider the question.

#### STRIKE CALLED OFF

PARIS, Nov. 30.—The strike of the orchestra, chorus and stage hands which closed the Opera in the middle of October has been called off, and the house will reopen next Friday.

#### PONZI, STEALER OF MILLIONS, GETS FIVE YEAR TERM

BOSTON, Nov. 30.—Charles Ponzi, whose get-rich-quick scheme in which thousands of people invested millions of dollars before it collapsed last August, pleaded guilty to using the mails in a scheme to defraud, in the federal district court today.

Sentence of five years in the Plymouth county jail was imposed by Judge Hale. The court took into consideration only the first count of one indictment of 44 counts, in which it was charged that Ponzi had represented falsely that he was able to pay interest at the rate of 50 per cent in 45 days from profits made in international postal reply coupons.

#### INDIANS FIND TWO SURVIVORS OF LOST BARGE

Fate of 21 Others Including Wife and Baby Remains Unknown

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 30.—Two surviving members of the crew of the missing barge W. J. Pirrie and the body of a third were found by an Indian searching party near Cape Johnson, Wash., last night, according to a telegram from Clallam Bay, Wash., to the Seattle Merchants' exchange, received today.

The Indians arrived at Clallam Bay today bringing the news of the finding of the two sailors, the message said. They were unable to find any trace of the barge, which when last seen, carried twenty-three persons, including the captain's wife and baby.

The two men, whose names are unknown, were taken last night to La Push, Wash., where they were cared for. Both were Chileans and were unable to speak English. Searching parties left immediately for the beach north of Cape Johnson, where it was expected more bodies would be found.

The Indians said the two sailors said they had come ashore Friday night on lumber from the Pirrie, after the barge had sunk off Cape Johnson. They said they had seen the bodies of Captain Alfred Jensen and the first mate, but knew nothing of the fate of the remaining members of the crew or of the wife and infant son of Captain Jensen, who were aboard the boat.

#### OBREGON PROVES HEALTH BY ATTENDING BANQUET

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 30.—The apprehension that recently had prevailed concerning the health of General Alvaro Obregon, the president-elect, was dispelled Monday when General Obregon attended a banquet given in his honor by the confederation of chambers of commerce. He apparently was in the best of health.

General Obregon spoke briefly during the banquet, dealing with the necessity of amicable relations between Mexico and the United States. He asserted that he hoped that "such gatherings of business men of both nations will have a soothing effect upon certain small American groups which are attempting to prevent recognition of the new Mexican government."

General Obregon paid a compliment to the outgoing administration of provisional President de la Huerta, declaring that its officials steadfastly had carried out the program which prompted the revolt against former President Carranza. He added that these policies would be kept up by his administration so far as was possible.

The president-elect declared that he felt very much better as a result of his vacation in Cuernavaca.

#### YOUTH GETS LIFE FOR SLAYING OF RANCHER

RASSETT, Neb., Nov. 29.—Floyd R. Wick, 18, of near Malvern, Neb., yesterday was sentenced by District Judge R. R. Dickson to serve a life sentence in the penitentiary at hard labor for the murder of Clyde M. Patterson, a neighbor, and bachelor ranchman, shot to death August 15, which pleaded guilty to second degree murder. Patterson's body was found buried under a pile of dirt and hay at his ranch home six weeks after the crime had been committed. Wick is alleged to have driven Patterson's cattle away. He at first claimed self-defense but later changed the story and signed a written confession.

#### WILSON'S BROTHER-IN-LAW SAYS HE WANTS COMPLETE SIFTING OF ALL CHARGES

HE EXPLAINS CHECK TRANSACTION FOR \$600

#### ANONYMOUS LETTER TO EX-SECRETARY MCDONALD LIKELY TO FIGURE IN HEARING

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—A denial that he had ever taken money for influencing the disposition of contracts or machinery by the United States shipping board, as charged by T. K. Sands, former Washington banker, coupled with a request that all of his business transactions with Sands be investigated—both for his own and his family's sake—was made before the Walsh congressional committee here today by R. W. Bolling, President Wilson's brother-in-law, and now treasurer of the shipping board.

Mr. Bolling told of business transactions with Sands dating back to 1914 and earlier years, of which grew several financial transactions. He told the committee that his personal records were all available to its inspection. Sands testified that he received \$30,000 from the Davney Shipbuilding corporation for "representing" it before the board, out of which he paid money to Mr. Bolling.

#### CHIEF FROM SANDS

Bolling said he had long known Sands as a Washington banker and had contracted in 1916 to build a house for Sands, but had practically foregone profit by canceling extra estimated at \$10,000. Sands' check for \$600 in payment on this house and had discounted it, he said, later he said Sands told him he intended paying the \$600 to him.

"Early in 1918," said Mr. Bolling, "Mr. Sands sent a Mr. Cranor to see me in regard to some machinery which was to be used in connection with the construction of vessels." Mr. Cranor told me that the machinery was to be diverted to some other company and that a great injustice was being done by his company. I called up Mr. Lester and told him the machinery was to be diverted to some other company and that a great injustice was being done by his company. I called up Mr. Lester and told him the machinery was to be diverted to some other company and that a great injustice was being done by his company.

#### WOULD ACCEPT NOTHING

"A short time after this Mr. Sands told me he had made or would make \$1000 in connection with this transaction though he now states he has no recollection of the matter—and that he was going to take care of me. I told him I would accept nothing. He then mentioned the \$600 which he still said was in connection with his house. I told him I would not accept it. I have no recollection of what he said to me. Upon my request he paid me subsequently the \$600 as follows: February 18, 1918, \$300; June 26, 1918, \$300; and August 5, 1918, \$100. I have no knowledge of where this money paid me by Mr. Sands came from.

#### LOAN OF \$500

"Mr. Sands also made me a loan of \$500 on May 15, 1918, for which I gave him my note. This was repaid by him to me on July 14, 1919, with interest. This represents every cent Mr. Sands has paid me since December 31, 1917.

"Of the \$40,000 which Mr. Sands says was paid for procuring contracts, I never heard until it was mentioned in someone's interview with me. I have no knowledge of what was done to stop the proceedings of the department of justice against Mr. Sands, that my name would be brought into it.

"Regarding the testimony given before the committee by Benjamin F. Fuller, who has been indicted for forgery and uttering, and sentenced to the penitentiary for four years, in which he said that Sands gave me a check in his presence; I beg to say that statement is absolutely and unqualifiedly false. I therefore most urgently request the committee to require Mr. Sands to immediately produce all of his checks made to me since January 1, 1918."

#### ANONYMOUS LETTER

Mr. Bolling said that the committee would find available an anonymous letter addressed to W. G. McDonald, former secretary of the treasury, and all other records in connection with the affair.

Mr. Bolling testified that formerly he was a partner in a brokerage firm with G. A. Connolly and H. W. Roberts and that he had made an agreement with Sands to pay him a commission to procure a \$40,000 loan for the firm. The other two partners made the arrangements, Mr. Bolling said, adding that he "knew of it."

He personally put \$10,000 in the business, but retired in December, 1917, following the Lawson "leak" investigation, he said.

Mr. Bolling in reply to questions testified that in January, 1917, he borrowed \$7,500 from Sands and later repaid this amount by mortgaging his home.

### REPRISALS FOLLOW AMBUSH OF RECRUITS; CITIZENS IN TERROR

BELFAST, Nov. 30.—The city hall at Cork was set on fire this morning and reports from that city state the Thomas Ashe Sinn Fein club and the Charlotte quay are ablaze. Much damage has been done, it is stated.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire, Eng., Nov. 30.—The police discovered a small bomb at Marshfield, 4½ miles southwest of here, today. Another bomb was found at Rymney, which is partly in the borough of Cardiff.

#### MODEL LANDLORD RENTS HOUSES FREE TO BLIND

HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 30.—Patrick H. Vaughn, "model landlord," who refused to raise rents of his numerous properties during the war period, in his will probated here today, set aside ten of his houses in which the families of worthy blind may be permitted to live rent free.

#### WITNESS SAYS OLD MAN BEGGED FOR PROTECTION

Son and Daughter-in-Law Are Charged With Murder of Aged Parent

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 30.—By the end of today's court session, the prosecution is expected to have completed its case in the preliminary examination of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Check, charged with the murder of the former's father, Thomas J. Check, of Topeka, Kan.

When the state completes its testimony, the defense is to begin placing witnesses on the stand. About twenty-five defense witnesses are ready but all may not be heard. Justice of the Peace Charles Desautels Wheeler, before whom the preliminary examination was being held, said that, if it appeared advisable, he would order night sessions in order to complete the examination by December 2.

After more than an hour's clashing testimony in introducing in evidence the testimony of Mrs. Lillian Warner, who testified that ten days before Check died, he told her he was in fear for his life and begged her to get the authorities to help him.

#### ITALY TO PROCEED WITH TREATY DESPITE D'ANNUNZIO'S PROTEST

FIUME, Nov. 30.—Gabriele d'Annunzio's indignities have been greatly stirred by passionate appeals of the port to "save Fiume," which he has been losing at frequent intervals since the Adriatic question between Italy and Yugoslavia far from d'Annunzio's liking.

Preparations are in progress to convert all citizens between the ages of 18 and 30 in Fiume for "the defense of the city."

Large reinforcements of Italian carabinieri are arriving on the borders of the Fiume territory. It is assumed they are there as reminders to the legionaries that the Italian government intends to enforce the provisions of the treaty.

#### UTAH'S FARM LANDS WORTH \$311,274,728 CENSUS BUREAU SAYS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Utah has 25,662 farms containing 5,050,410 acres and valued at \$311,274,728, the census bureau announced today. The value of land and buildings shows an increase of 107.4 per cent as compared with 1910.

The division of operations. He gave his age as 41.

Mr. Bolling in answer to questions, said that he did not see Sands at any time during the "bending rolls" incident.

He testified to having gone to Sands' hotel room in Washington, but did not recollect ever having been there alone with him.

Mr. Bolling said that the shipping board gradually reduced its funds in Sands' bank in the regular course of business.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Public buildings in London and in many of the other large cities of England were closely guarded against apprehended Sinn Fein attacks by heavy detachments of police.

In this city and patrol was not limited to streets, but armed motor boats moved up and down the river in front of parliament buildings. With Downing street and its immediate neighborhood shut off from the rest of the city by a high fence, which was constantly under the eyes of uniformed men, and with the parliament buildings watched, government sections of London today assumed the atmosphere of an armed camp. There is nothing to connect the Sinn Fein with the explosion of a bomb in a warehouse in old Swan Lane, this city, early this morning, but the people of the city ascribed it to that organization. The bomb blew out the windows of buildings nearby and started a fire, but the police and firemen succeeded in extinguishing the flames before they gained headway.

#### FEAR UNEMPLOYED

A report is being circulated that the government fears trouble not only from Sinn Fein but from the thousands of unemployed who recently evidenced an ugly temper in the Downing street riot.

The police, however, assert the sole reason for the precautions is because of the danger of Sinn Fein attempts against lives and property.

Indeed, the somewhat sensational measures already taken to protect the lives of officials and the government's buildings the special civilian constabulary of London has been notified that in readiness to assist the regular police, should the necessity arise.

The London county council fire brigades have cleared every station to the effect that all doors except the main entrance must be locked at dark and that strangers in the station must be closely questioned.

There was a rush today by property owners for insurance, especially on timber stocks, throughout London.

The Evening Standard today said the protective measures include precautions at Buckingham palace while the royal family is there.

"The precise nature of the precautions cannot be disclosed," the newspaper states, "but they are elaborate and the palace guards also were increased."

#### SEVERAL ARRESTED

Several men suspected of setting fire to warehouses in Liverpool on Saturday night are under arrest. It is claimed by the police that the "gunmen" are in that city, and assertion is made that men wanted in Ireland for shooting policemen and soldiers have crossed the Irish sea to Liverpool. The financial loss occasioned by Saturday night's fire in Liverpool is estimated at a million pounds sterling.

The killing of fifteen police recruits at Macroom, Ireland, yesterday, has already been followed by reprisals by the "black and tang," and it is reported that the police are being threatened by people from towns near where the recruits were attacked.

Masked men entered and set fire to the Dublin Freeman's Journal last night. Considerable damage was done the building.

Scores of new arrests have been made in various districts of Ireland among the places raided by military forces being a lunatic asylum near Ennis.

Glasgow and the Clyde shipbuilding district have been placed under close guard and it is declared by the authorities that many Sinn Feiners are known to be in Scotland.

The labor commission of inquiry into the reprisals in Ireland left for Dublin this morning. The party comprises representatives of the labor parliamentary party and the labor executive body.

The precaution taken in the house of commons and in the government offices against upward demonstrations include the posting of a permanent guard of armed policemen, selected for their skill in the use of the pistol, according to the Daily Mail. The men started their duty Monday afternoon. They had orders to shoot to injure anybody attempting to escape after having committed any outrage.

The guards are dressed in civilian clothes. They are all ex-soldiers with good war records.

#### IN FINE RIMENT

BELFAST, Nov. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—During Sunday night, the headquarters of the transport workers' union on Camden quay, Cork, and an adjoining house were burned. There was considerable fighting. Women who ordinarily are declared to have been clothed in little better than rags are said to have been seen wearing hundred guinea fur coats.

#### LEAGUE STOPS FIGHTING ON BORDER OF POLAND

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The league of nations commission of control has arranged an armistice between Lithuania and General Zeligowski, the present commander at Vilna, according to a Kovno dispatch which reached London this evening.